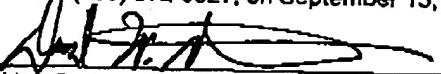


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. Small Entity status is claimed.
- Other Than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate
TOTAL *	20	MINUS **	20	0	x 9 \$ 0.00
INDEP. *					
INDEP. *	12	MINUS ***	11	1	x 42 \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					
			+140		+280
				TOTAL FEE \$ 0.00	TOTAL FEE \$ 84.00

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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- No additional fee for claims is required.
4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.
- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$84.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

(a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
four months	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00
five months	\$1,960.00	\$ 980.00

_____ Attached is a check in the amount of \$ _____ for the _____ month extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c).

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

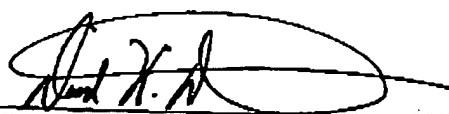
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OR

(b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

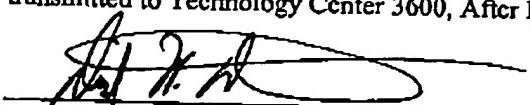
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